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In re Application of:)	Confirmation No. 1919
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Hua ZHU)	Group Art Unit: 1637
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Serial No. 09/950,024)	Examiner: Y. Kim
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Filed: September 12, 2001)	
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For: Expression Monitoring for Human)	
Cytomegalovirus (HCMV) Infection)	Atty. Docket No. 003848.00096

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 28, 2004, and the advisory action mailed September 2, 2004, applicants request entry of the following amendments. The amendments to claims 1-3, 5-15, and 30-36 were requested in the Amendment filed August 24, 2004, but were not entered due to other amendments requested for claims 18-23. Claims 18-23 are cancelled in this paper. It is respectfully submitted that the remaining claims are now in condition for allowance based on the currently requested amendments.

A petition for extension of time for 3 months accompanies this paper. It is believed that no other fee is due at this time. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 19-0733 should it determine any additional fee is required.

Status of the Claims:

Claims 1-3, 5-16, and 30-43 are pending.

Claims 4, 17-29, and 44-47 are cancelled.

Claims 1-3, 5-15, and 30-36 are amended herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.